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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Tohono O'odham Nation, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

United States Department of Interior, et al.,

Defendants.

No. CV-24-00034-TUC-JGZ

## **ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Federal Defendants' Second Motion for a Stay of the Case in Light of Lapse of Appropriations or Alternatively First Request for Extension of Time. (Doc. 89.) On November 13, 2025, Federal Defendants notified the Court that Congress has appropriated funding and agency employees have returned to work. Therefore, the request for a stay is now moot. (Doc. 91 at 2.) However, Plaintiffs oppose Federal Defendants' request for an extension. (*See* Doc. 90.)

Prior to the Court's Order staying the case on October 2, 2025 (Doc. 88), the deadline to produce the administrative record was October 17, 2025. (Doc. 83.) The stay was lifted on November 3, 2025, after 30 days. (*See* Doc. 88.) Thus, the new deadline to produce the administrative record is November 17, 2025. Federal Defendants request an extension of that deadline through December 22, 2025. (Doc. 89 at 3.) Plaintiffs request the Court order Federal Defendants to produce the administrative record within two weeks of this Order. (Doc. 90 at 6.)

Federal Defendants have not shown that a 33-day extension is warranted. Federal

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Defendants had two weeks remaining on the deadline to produce the administrative record when the case was stayed, and certain furloughed BLM employees began working on the administrative record on November 10. (Doc. 91 at 2–3.) In light of the upcoming holiday, the Court will grant an extension through December 5, 2025.

At this time, the Court will not order the parties to meet and confer to propose new dates for the remaining schedule. As indicated in the Court's Order granting the initial stay, all deadlines then in effect have been extended in accordance with the length of the stay. (Doc. 88.) Considering the additional extension of the deadline to produce the administrative record, the remaining deadlines are proportionally extended as outlined below.

Accordingly,

## IT IS ORDERED:

- As of November 3, 2025, the stay issued in this Court's October 2, 2025 Order (Doc. 88) is **lifted**.
- 2. Federal Defendants' Second Motion for a Stay of the Case in Light of Lapse of Appropriations or Alternatively First Request for Extension of Time (Doc. 89), is granted in part and denied in part. The request for a stay is denied as moot. The request for an extension is granted in part.
- 3. Federal Defendants shall have up to and including December 5, 2025 to produce the administrative record.
  - 4. The following deadlines shall govern in this action:

Federal Defendants provide the Administrative Record to the Parties	December 5, 2025
Parties identify and communicate to Federal Defendants any issues regarding completeness of the record and/or any issues regarding the admission of extra- record evidence	January 5, 2026

1	Federal Defendants respond to any issues	January 12, 2026
2	raised by parties regarding the contents of	
3	the administrative record and the admission of extra-record evidence. The	
4	parties will attempt in good faith to	
	resolve any issues that are raised	1 26 2026
5	If necessary, Plaintiffs or Intervenor- Defendant will file a motion challenging	January 26, 2026
6	the contents of the administrative record	
7	and/or seeking to admit extra-record	
8	evidence	
9	Federal Defendants will file their response	February 6, 2026
10	to Plaintiffs' or Intervenor-Defendant's motion challenging the administrative	
11	record and/or seeking to admit extra-	
12	record evidence	
13	If a Party challenges the contents of	Three weeks after resolution of any
	the administrative record or seeks to	record or extra-record evidence motion
14	admit extra-record evidence, the rest of the schedule is vacated and the Parties	
15	will submit a joint status report to the	
16	Court with a new proposed summary judgment briefing schedule	
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19	If no challenge to the administrative record is filed, Plaintiffs file opening	March 6, 2026
20	motion for summary judgment.	
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22	Federal Defendants and Intervenor- Defendant will each file a combined	April 17, 2026
	brief in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion	
23	for summary judgment and in support	
24	of their cross-motions for summary judgment	
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26	Plaintiffs will file their combined	May 29, 2026
27	briefs in support of their motion for summary judgment and in opposition	
28	to Federal Defendants' and Intervenor-	
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5	Defendant will file their reply briefs in support of their cross-motions for	
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8	Dated this 17th day of November, 2025.	
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10		Janufu Zippo
11		Jennifer G. Zipps
12		Chief United States District Judge

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